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by "Ron Pyle" <raple@gwtc.net>
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by "Nick Kennedy" <nkennedy@tcainternet.com>
- 51) [159667] Re: November, 2003, QST review of Icom IC-703 Plus...
by John Sielke <jsielke@pobox.com>

Date: Sat, 18 Oct 2003 19:13:10 -0400
From: "sslyon" <sslyon@megalink.net>
To: "qrp list" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [159617] ARCI 'TEST: condx seem really punky
Message-ID: <000701c395cd\$65ed7140\$34c7e742@megalink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Just came in from the tent -'bout froze (37deg. F now) and quite down about the prop. and activity level. 15m was no fun at all from here, and 20 isn't much better. Did work Barbados and Cuba tho with BIG sigs. I'll take a warm-up & chow break and go out a bit later.

73
seab
aa1my

Date: Sat, 18 Oct 2003 19:14:39 -0400
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: jeff@ke9v.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [159618] Re: November, 2003, QST review of Icom IC-703 Plus...

Message-ID: <3F91C95F.E2E2C9C2@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Let's see if I can kill all the stone throwers with one shot!

I don't like QSK. If you do, use it, but remember, probably the largest number of operators you run into either don't have it or don't use or correctly. This leads to endless repeats of your call, missed QSO's, and lower contest scores.

My remarks about large manufacturers were answering a point about the Japanese companies. No slur of Ten Tec was made or implied. Their Omni series has always had legendary QSK.

When I said proven circuit designs I meant just that. Any company who hires junior engineers puts them through years of testing until they know the ropes and test equipment. It has nothing to do with their reluctance to pay big bucks. Consider how many times your internet software has been rewritten!

QSK or non QSK is entirely a personal matter. I don't need any new meds. I don't care for it. I'll use it when appropriate. If you love it, use it!

73

Date: Sat, 18 Oct 2003 19:35:20 EDT
From: Kr01a@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [159619] Re: Fw: It looks like BPL is being offered in Manassas, VA
Message-ID: <19b.1bf10b06.2cc32838@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
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For those that remember, it's a shame that the Army's Vint Hills Farms Station facility between Warrenton and Manassas is no longer active. That would have probably have solved any BPL problems for that area :>)

73, Mac, KR0I

Date: Sat, 18 Oct 2003 16:40:37 -0700
From: "larry & susan" <hessls@csi.com>
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [159620] FS Ten-Tec 405 Amp
Message-ID: <001101c395d1\$b21acc30\$060fc0d8@LARRY>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
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Rare Ten-Tec 405 50 watt linear amplifier.10-80 meters.Oldie but
goodie.Great amp for K2 or 817.Excellent condx, 9/10, with manual and
cables.Was used with my K2 which I no longer have.\$200 includes CONUS
shipping.
Larry W8GTT 425-869-8245 (Seattle)

Date: Sat, 18 Oct 2003 19:13:04 -0700
From: "PHILIP DECAIRE" <pedecaire@email.msn.com>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159621] Re: ARCI 'TEST: condx seem really punky
Message-ID: <003901c395e6\$887cc1c0\$32502a43@grape>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I'll second that. Up here in the Northwest (Seattle, which
I believe is farther North than the bulk of Maine) 10 is
dead, 15 is dead, and 20 is here one minute and gone the
next. Oh, and nobody on 40 in the afternoon. That doesn't
leave much! I really miss the way 40M used to be when I was
back in the midwest - lots of stations 24 hours/day. The
band is open for NVIS to be sure, just nobody on! What say
all you guys within about 250 miles of Seattle give 40M
(7040) a try midday even if you don't hear anything on the
band, and maybe we'll have some QSOs? That nice NVIS
propagation beats the deep fading on the high bands.

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indexes do to us Northerners. I just hope 40M picks up this
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72's, Phil WB7AEI

Date: Sat, 18 Oct 2003 22:24:13 -0400
From: "AI2Q" <ai2q@adelphia.net>
To: "Jack K2JX (E-mail)" <bafjdf@juno.com>,
 "Paul Seamon (E-mail)" <seamon@ddc-web.com>,
Subject: [159622] KISS ssb rig content updated
Message-ID: <000901c395e8\$16bc5b20\$7e01a8c0@agstme.adelphia.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

If interested, I've started working on my miniature modular 75-meter SSB transceiver again.

The TX microphone buffer/speech pre-amplifier schematic, some photos of the circuit board under development, and AF stage scope traces are now on my Web page at <http://users.adelphia.net/~alexmm/ai2q.htm>

Scroll down to the bottom of the page to get to the KISS rig links. Thanks for lookin.'

Comments are welcome.

Vy 73, AI2Q, Alex in Kennebunk, Maine QRP-L #687

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Date: Sat, 18 Oct 2003 19:45:33 -0700
From: "john gabbard" <johngabbard@usintouch.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159623] Hi-Mound Bug
Message-ID: <000f01c395eb\$11eace80\$57811c0c@john>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I am looking for a Hi- Mound BK100 Bug W/plastic top. I sold one on this list about 6mo. ago I will buy it back or if you have one for sale please contact me. Thanks, John KF70M

Date: Sat, 18 Oct 2003 22:26:32 -0400
From: Brad Thompson <Brad.Thompson@valley.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159624] Motel QRN: a foretaste of BPL?
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.2.20031018221441.00a26330@pop3.norton.antivirus>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Hello--

My XYL and I returned today from spending a delightful four days in Bar Harbor, ME, and Acadia National Park. Our accommodations were fine, except for extreme QRN. I packed an Alinco DJ-X2000 multiband receiver and strung approximately 15 feet of hookup wire across the room's front window.

Alas, QRN ran approximately 30 dB over S9 on every frequency I tried from 100 KHz to 7 Mhz-- above that, the noise level gradually tapered off (but so did signal levels due to band conditions). Major culprits appeared to be horizontal sweep-oscillator radiation and its harmonics produced by the large number of TV receivers in the motel, fluorescent lights, and possibly controls for in-room heaters. Photocell-activated night lights thoughtfully provided by the motel's management may have also contributed some noise.

One approach I didn't try (but wish I did): forming the random-length wire antenna into a loop-- this would have knocked out some of the noise, but I wonder about how much was inductively coupled?

If this noise level foreshadows what BPL would produce, it's bad news.

73--
Brad AA1IP

Date: Sat, 18 Oct 2003 20:20:28 -0700 (PDT)

From: Bob KB2FEL <kb2fel@yahoo.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159625] Re: ARCI 'TEST: condx seem really punky
Message-ID: <20031019032028.63513.qmail@web80601.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Hi Phil,

Its not only the North West. Conditions here in WV
stink also. 40 has been quiet tonight except for some
rtty. I only have one QSO on 80. WWV is even down in
the mud. Maybe all the ops are watching the Game on
Fox. I was looking to work N4BP on 40 have him on 15
and 20 but have not heard him on 40 yet.

72
Bob
KB2FEL/8

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Date: Sat, 18 Oct 2003 22:04:41 -0600
From: "NORM KLIEMAN" <k9nk@msn.com>
To: "qrp-1" <qrp-1@lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159626] MFJ- 941E SOLD
Message-ID: <BAY5-DAV28r8eGm4Sif0002ee40@hotmail.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The MFJ-941E is sold. Thanks everyone - Norm K9NK

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 00:35:26 -0400
From: "sslyon" <sslyon@megalink.net>
To: <w2kj@bellsouth.net>,
 "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [159627] Re: today's ARCI contest
Message-ID: <001b01c395fa\$6b8d70a0\$34c7e742@megalink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well then... that sure sets the stage for FYBO all right. 35
deg. F and dropping as the rain/slush starts to fall. Glad I
water-proofed the tent... even gladder (?) that I bought a new
hi-tek winter jacket. Gotta find the right gloves to cut the
fingers out of for logging/keying tho... make a lot of mistakes
with bad gloves and/or numbed fingers. (apologies to all)

So far it's been a struggle for Q's up here at lat. 44. Some

aurora flutter on VE sigs. I'm gleeful at working HI on 20m...
he came right out of the doldrums with a solid 559 sig. just
after dusk. N4BP is most consistent sig here -probably due to
mostly salt water path. The Cuban and Barbados guys really
pounded in this afternoon. No EU heard at all. Hope activity
picks up Sunday... I'll be pecking away under the crossed EDZ's.

72

seab

aa1my

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 08:14:10 +0200
From: Ingo Meyer DK3RED <dk3red@t-online.de>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [159628] WM-20 (TNX)
Message-ID: <5.2.1.1.1.20031019081339.009ecc10@pop.btx.dtag.de>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Hello QRPers,

Thanks for the information.

72/73 de Ingo, DK3RED Don't forget: the fun is the power!

dk3red@t-online.de	http://www.t-online.de/~dk3red
DL-QRP-AG #824	http://www.dl-qrp-ag.de
QRP ARCI #11295	http://www.qrparci.org

Date: Sat, 18 Oct 2003 22:26:30 -0800
From: Jim Larsen <JimLarsen2002@alaska.net>
To: "qrp-l@lehigh.edu" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, NJQRP-L <njqrp@njqrp.org>,
Northern Georgia QRP <nogaqrp@qth.net>
Subject: [159629] The Great Alaska Ptarmigan Hunt - Nov 17th UTC
Message-ID: <3F922E96.2080000@alaska.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Greetings from Alaska,

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73, Jim

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Jim Larsen, AL7FS

AKQRP #003

Anchorage, Alaska

<http://www.qsl.net/al7fs>

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 06:30:44 -0400
From: "Ron Polityka" <wb3aal@verizon.net>
To: <njqrp@njqrp.org>, <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>,
"Northern Georgia QRP" <nogaqrp@qth.net>
Subject: [159630] Re: [NJQRP] The Great Alaska Ptarmigan Hunt - Nov 17th UTC
Message-ID: <001301c3962c\$0e1488a0\$0200a8c0@WB3AAL>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Count me in Jim!!!

I am up for a good hunt. :-)

72 and Thanks,
Ron Polityka
WB3AAL
www.n3epa.org/

----- Original Message -----

From: "Jim Larsen" <JimLarsen2002@alaska.net>
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>; "NJQRP-L" <njqrp@njqrp.org>; "Northern Georgia QRP"
<nogaqrp@qth.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2003 2:26 AM
Subject: [NJQRP] The Great Alaska Ptarmigan Hunt - Nov 17th UTC

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> 73, Jim
> --
> Jim Larsen, AL7FS
> AKQRP #003
> Anchorage, Alaska
> <http://www.qsl.net/al7fs>
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> ===== NJ QRP Club Mailing List =====
> To unsubscribe from this list, send email to listserver@applegate.org
> and put the text "unsubscribe njqrp" in the message. To post a
> message to the list, send email to njqrp@njqrp.org.
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Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 08:50:17 -0400
From: <bill@n4qa.com>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159631] Tailgating...more of the same in store for today...
Message-ID: <000701c3963f\$8de4e440\$3a26ad80@f1n5n8>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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We have light frost here in the New River Valley of Virginia this morning...light, except on the pickup mobile...it was ice-encased before sun-up.

The first things to thaw out were the 40-meter resonator and whip of the Hustler.

Speaking of 40, I'm hearing Bob, N4BP around 7040 on the TS-440S here in the nice, warm den. But, who isn't hearing Bob? :)

Too bad my wire is presently tuned for 80...

Worked Walt, K8CV; Paul, AA4XX; Bud, at the Marconi Cape Cod Radio Club station, KM1CC, on 40 yesterday...

Also snagged W2PE aboard the cruiser USS Little Rock in the naval park in Buffalo, with Hal, KD2V at the key.

Heard Bob on 20 and 15 yesterday but the '703's keyer just wouldn't cooperate.

So, did the 'ground-the-key jack-internally' mod last night and gonna give the high bands another try today.

Things will be mighty wet outside for a few hours but the sun is beginning to do its thing.

To the east, north and west, I can see each individual tree in the mountains...nary a particle in the air again today.

Nicest weekend I've seen in a while.

Ellie is excited about spending another day outside with her 'daddy'. The feeling is mutual...

Wonder what Dave(K1SWL) and Moxie will be up to today...

73.

Bill, N4QA

<http://www.n4qa.com>

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 9:34:00 -0400
From: "Adam Vazquez" <adam.vazquez.kb2jpd@earthlink.net>
To: "qrp-1" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [159632] OT installing antenna on Ford Explorer
Message-ID: <E1ABDiG-0007S0-00@razorbill.mail.pas.earthlink.net>

Mime-Version: 1.0
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Hi there.

Just a quick one for those mobiling in Ford Explorers. Have a non-ham friend who is installing a mobile radio and is having difficulty mounting an antenna on the SUV. They don't want to put holes in the vehicle and they are budget-conscious. How have you solved your dilemma and what worked? If it matters, no kids but a large Labrador is a family member.

Adam Vazquez Kb2jpd

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"The safety of the people is the highest law."

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 14:36:14 +0000
From: k7gt@comcast.net
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [159633] F/S: QRPacificon version of NorCal keyer
Message-ID: <101920031436.9051.6b4d@comcast.net>

I didn't get around to making the QRPacificon version of the NorCal keyer. I am offering the kit but with the stock keyer chip (no tone adjust--I'm keeping it in my first NorCal keyer board). How about \$10 shipped?

Pittsburg construction, of course.

BTW: Pacificon was better this year. The new venue solves parking and most space problems. Also closer to my QTH...

73 GT

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Allan K7GT

Pleasanton CA

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 07:37:59 -0700 (PDT)
From: Garie Halstead K8KFJ <khyberpass65@yahoo.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [159634] Re: today's ARCI contest
Message-ID: <20031019143759.66334.qmail@web60304.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

--- sslyon <sslyon@megalink.net> wrote:

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72, Gary -K8KFJ-
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Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 11:47:09 -0400
From: "Fred \ (VE3FAL\)" <flesnick@tbaytel.net>
To: "'Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion'" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [159635] RE: today's ARCI contest and JOTA
Message-ID: <006c01c39658\$424ae980\$4139d3d8@flesnick>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Don't have time to play in the test this weekend, but involved with
JOTA, Saturday proved to be very interesting conditions, with great
Voice comms into Texas, Florida, Carolinas on 20 meters, heard W1AW
active for JOTA as well, but just a way too crowded section of band
around 14.290 for JOTA, then went to 40 meters after changing out the
dipole, and what a difference, noise level dropped from S7 on 20 to zero
on 40, and fantastic sigs to Ill, Michigan, Minnesota, Indiana, VA.....
Running TS50 at 50 watts on voice, and various dipoles.
Good luck in the test guys..

Fred

VE3FAL

-----Original Message-----

From: owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU] On Behalf
Of Garie Halstead K8KFJ
Sent: October 19, 2003 9:38 AM
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
Subject: Re: today's ARCI contest

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Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 11:58:19 -0400
From: W2AGN <jsielke@pobox.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [159636] Re: today's ARCI contest
Message-ID: <3F92B49B.C1CA24ED@pobox.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Not doing any needle-bending. I thought I would try this one at <1W.
Surprisingly, seem to work all I can hear, still. Even CQing with some
success. Still, conditions are down from what they were the past couple
of weeks, with an M class flare last night.

Having fun anyway...

John W2AGN

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 12:02:04 -0400
From: W2AGN <jsielke@pobox.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [159637] Re: OT installing antenna on Ford Explorer
Message-ID: <3F92B57C.90BDFAF1@pobox.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I use a heavy duty bumper hitch mount for my Texas Bugcatcher on my 97 Explorer. It folds down for access to the back.

John W2AGN

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 09:47:51 -0700
From: "john gabbard" <johngabbard@usintouch.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159638] Original BLT kit Wanted
Message-ID: <001101c39660\$bce1d750\$c5811c0c@john>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hey Erwin, If you still have that BLT kit on hand, I will take it off your hands if you still want to sell it. The other guy had some parts missing. Please contact me, Thanks...John KF7OM

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 12:52:17 -0400
From: Bob Patten <n4bp@bellsouth.net>
To: khyberpass65@yahoo.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159639] Re: today's ARCI contest
Message-ID: <3F92C141.9@bellsouth.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed
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K0FRP/4 was big on 40M last night.

N4ROA was huge on 80M!

--

73, Bob Patten, N4BP

Plantation, FL

E-Mail: n4bp@arrl.net

Website: <http://www.qsl.net/n4bp>

QRP ARCI #3412

SOC #1

ARS #799

Whiners #6

FISTS #7871

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 12:59:34 -0400

From: Bob Patten <n4bp@bellsouth.net>

To: QRP-L Reflector <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [159640] Sun Fart?

Message-ID: <3F92C2F6.1020806@bellsouth.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1; format=flowed

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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QRP ARCI #3412

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Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 12:52:21 -0500

From: "Tony Martin W4FOA" <w4foa@comcast.net>

To: <khyberpass65@yahoo.com>,

"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [159641] Re: today's ARCI contest
Message-ID: <003a01c39669\$bf6e3870\$6401a8c0@De1ldude>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Thanks Gary. Running a K2 and rotary 40 meter dipole at 75 feet. It plays quite well..
Tony, W4FOA

----- Original Message -----

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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2003 9:37 AM
Subject: Re: today's ARCI contest

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Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 13:29:46 -0400 (EDT)
From: <ah7i@atl.org>
To: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159642] Re: November, 2003, QST review of Icom IC-703 Plus...
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0310191329000.16582-100000@localhost.localdomain>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I've noticed that DX pileups have become much more 'polite'. With almost everyone in the pilup using QSK, it's unusual for someone to transmit on top of the DX or the station he's working. 25 years ago the pileups were a mess.

-Bob
ah7i

On Sat, 18 Oct 2003, Bruce Muscolino wrote:

>
> I for one don't like or use QSK. I can't see the need for instant
> response unless I'm in a traffic net. Like automatic antenna tuners, it
> seems simpler, and safer, to just flip a switch!
>
> 73
>

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 13:33:09 -0400 (EDT)
From: <ah7i@atl.org>
To: Karl Larsen <k5di@zianet.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159643] Re: November, 2003, QST review of Icom IC-703 Plus...
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0310191332140.16582-1000000@localhost.localdomain>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Sat, 18 Oct 2003, Karl Larsen wrote:

> On Sat, 18 Oct 2003 jeff@ke9v.com wrote:
>
> > The exceptionally crummy QSK of both the 703 and the 817 tells me that
> > the big manufacturers (Icom, Yaesu) still haven't got the "QRP thing".
>
> Disagree. They simply are expressing properly that CW is not why
> people buy a radio.

It's why I don't buy one of those radios!
-bob
ah7i

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 14:02:47 -0400
From: "Nick Yokanovich" <k3ny@cablespeed.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159644] Re: Fenway Park Morse Code Question
Message-ID: <015101c3966b\$3416ea90\$7700a8c0@dad1>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Ron,

The initials of former owners Jean R. and Tom A. Yawkey (TAY, JRY) have been on the scoreboard in Morse code for years. This year they also have had a billboard with a Morse code message which says something like "Boston Red Sox Country" or some such phrase. Anyone know what the phrase is for sure?

73
Nick K3NY

----- Original Message -----
From: "Ron Polityka" <wb3aal@verizon.net>
>
> During the play offs I see a few TV shots of the flag in Fenway
Park. There
> was a billboard behind the flag with Morse code on it. Anyone know
what it
> was for?
>

Checked by AVG anti-virus system (<http://www.grisoft.com>).
Version: 6.0.528 / Virus Database: 324 - Release Date: 10/16/2003

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 14:04:08 -0400
From: Al Scanandoah <k2zn@rochester.rr.com>
To: n4bp@bellsouth.net

Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159645] Re: Sun Fart?
Message-ID: <3F92D218.50101@rochester.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Yup, pretty much...

:Product: Geophysical Alert Message www.txt
:Issued: 2003 Oct 19 1505 UTC
Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Environment Center

Geophysical Alert Message

Solar-terrestrial indices for 18 October follow.
Solar flux 109 and mid-latitude A-index 26.
The mid-latitude K-index at 1500 UTC on 19 October was 4 (45 nT).

Space weather for the past 24 hours has been minor.
Geomagnetic storms reaching the G1 level occurred.
Radio blackouts reaching the R1 level occurred.

Space weather for the next 24 hours is expected to be minor.
Radio blackouts reaching the R1 level are expected.

72/73 - A1, K2ZN

Bob Patten wrote:

> Where did everybody go? No signals on 10/15/20 at 1700Z.
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>

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 14:37:43 -0400
From: Ed Tanton <n4xy@earthlink.net>
To: qrp-L Reflector <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, noga <nogaqrp@mailman.qth.net>,
Boatanchors-Tempe <BOATANCHORS@LISTSERV.TEMPE.GOV>
Subject: [159646] ~ OT: Scanning (optical) question
Message-ID: <6.0.0.22.2.20031019143541.03ad1960@pop.earthlink.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

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Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 12:16:01 -0400
From: Brad Thompson <Brad.Thompson@valley.net>
To: adam.vazquez.kb2jpd@earthlink.net,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159647] Re: OT installing antenna on Ford Explorer
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.2.20031019120933.00a3fab0@pop3.norton.antivirus>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Hello--

I had a similar problem installing a dual-band magnetic-base 2M/440 MHz antenna
(left over from another vehicle) on our 1993 Pontiac TranSport van,
compounded by
the van's plastic roof panels which exhibit no magnetic properties
whatsoever<g>.

I solved the problem by attaching a 24-inch square aluminum plate to the

roof-mounted
luggage rack. A small steel panel mounted and electrically bonded in the
center of the
aluminum plate provides a grabbing surface for the antenna's magnetic base.

From there, I routed the coaxial cable along the rear door frame to the
bumper and then
across the door gasket and under the floor mats to the dash-mounted
transceiver.

73--
Brad AA1IP

At 09:34 AM 10/19/2003 -0400, Adam Vazquez wrote:

>Hi there.
>
>Just a quick one for those mobiling in Ford Explorers. Have a non-ham
>friend who is installing a mobile radio and is having difficulty mounting
>an antenna on the SUV. They don't want to put holes in the vehicle and
>they are budget-conscious. How have you
>solved your dilemma and what worked? If it matters, no kids but a large
>Labrador is a family member.
>
>Adam Vazquez Kb2jpd
>
>=====

>"The safety of the people is the highest law."

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 11:52:13 -0700 (PDT)
From: Garie Halstead K8KFJ <khyberpass65@yahoo.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159648] Re: today's ARCI contest
Message-ID: <20031019185213.40575.qmail@web60305.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

--- Tony Martin W4FOA <w4foa@comcast.net> wrote:

> Thanks Gary. Running a K2 and rotary 40 meter dipole at 75 feet. It
> plays
> quite well..
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I'll send you a short MP3 in a private email of you signing off at the end of our contact Tony. But beware, better have your computer speakers volume turned down cuz you were b-i-g. HI Setup here is a K1 and vertical.

72, Gary -K8KFJ-

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Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 15:00:22 -0400
From: W2AGN <jsielke@pobox.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [159649] Re: Sun Fart?
Message-ID: <3F92DF46.A5BB5AFF@pobox.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Just what we needed, a Class X1.1 flare, right in the middle of things!

John W2AGN

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 15:01:50 -0400
From: "sslyon" <sslyon@megalink.net>
To: <n4bp@bellsouth.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [159650] Re: Sun Fart?
Message-ID: <000701c39673\$741451c0\$34c7e742@megalink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I'll say... but odd how when things are really dead, one little

area will briefly come to life on the map, like west TX, MI/IN,
GA/FL
No EU popping up tho : (
72
aa1my

>

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 14:05:03 -0500
From: "Michael Melland" <w9wis@charter.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>,
<njqrp@njqrp.org>
Subject: [159651] PAC-12 Question
Message-ID: <001501c39673\$eb4244a0\$0300a8c0@computer>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I just assembled my PAC-12 kit. Nice antenna.... anyway, the antenna was built for 40 meters. The recommended 58 turns of wire in the base coil resonates it below 7.000 MHz. I removed a turn and it still is a bit below 7.000 MHz.

I can resonate it where I want by changing the length of the whip. What's more efficient antennawise ?.... remove windings until I'm near 7040 when the whip is expended all the way..... or just leave the windings as is and resoate the antenna by changing the whip length ? Or don't it matter <grin>.

Mike, W9WIS

--

Michael Melland, W9WIS
Winneconne, Wisconsin USA EN54pc
qrp-l #1656 - qrp-parci # 9875 - iparc #252
ars #1075 - <http://webpages.charter.net/w9wis/>

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 15:09:06 -0400
From: Ed Tanton <n4xy@earthlink.net>
To: qrp-L Reflector <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, noga <nogaqrp@mailman.qth.net>
Subject: [159652] Fwd: Solar Activity Surges

Message-ID: <6.0.0.22.2.20031019150827.03ac0150@pop.earthlink.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

>Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 12:44:27 -0500
>Subject: Solar Activity Surges
>
>From: "SpaceWeather.com" <swlist@spaceweather.com>
>
>
>Space Weather News for October 19, 2003
><http://spaceweather.com>
>
>An X-class solar flare erupted today near sunspot 484--a remarkably fast
>growing active region near the sun's northeastern limb. Yesterday the spot
>was barely visible; now it is about 7 times wider than Earth. Because of
>its location near the sun's limb, today's blast was probably not
>Earth-directed. Sunspot 484 is, however, moving into position where it
>could aim solar flares and coronal mass ejections our way later this
>week--if solar activity continues high.
>
>Visit Spaceweather.com for movies of the active region, safe solar
>observing tips, and updates.
>
>---

72/73 Ed Tanton N4XY <n4xy@earthlink.net>

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website: <http://www.n4xy.com>

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Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 15:12:47 -0400
From: "Larry - WA2DGD" <wa2dgd@comcast.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [159653] Re: OT installing antenna on Ford Explorer
Message-ID: <001501c39674\$fbe02790\$6401a8c0@hamroom>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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When I leased a ford explorer I mounted a Larsen NMO dual bander using the
larsen trunk gutter bracket. I mounted the antenna on the front drivers
fender where you would normally find an am/fm antenna. The 3 small holes are
drilled into the front fender side, (hidden by the front hood when closed)
and when the bracket is removed, you can't see the holes. Worked great and
no hassles when I returned the vehicle.

73
Larry
WA2DGD
K2 #1672
ARCI QRP #11215
NJ-QRP# 395

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 15:11:37 -0400
From: "Michael C. Boatright" <ko4wx@mindspring.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [159654] Re: The Great Alaska Ptarmigan Hunt - Nov 17th UTC
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.2.20031019151005.02da0438@pop.mindspring.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

n. pl. ptarmigan or ptar=B7mi=B7gans Any of various grouses of the genus=20
Lagopus, inhabiting arctic, subarctic, and alpine regions of the Northern=20

Hemisphere and having feathered legs and feet and plumage that is brown or=20
gray in summer and white in winter.

For the curious...like me!

72 de Mike, K04WX
Michael C. Boatright

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 15:34:10 -0400
From: Brad Thompson <Brad.Thompson@valley.net>
To: n4xy@earthlink.net,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159655] Re: ~ OT: Scanning (optical) question
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.2.20031019153029.00a4d9b0@pop3.norton.antivirus>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

At 02:37 PM 10/19/2003 -0400, Ed Tanton wrote:
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>brochures the photos turn out awfully. Anyone know what to do about this?

Hello, Ed--
It could be an "optical heterodyne" effect occurring between the scanner's resolution in dots per inch and the halftone screen, which produces Moire patterning. Try experimenting with scanning resolution and see if there's any improvement.

Also, your scanning software may offer a "de-screening" mode, or either a separate plug-in or program to perform the operation.

73--
Brad AA1IP

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 15:43:20 -0400
From: "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Cc: <n4xy@earthlink.net>
Subject: [159656] Re: Scanning (optical) question

Message-ID: <004401c39679\$409bd6f0\$080044c0@BrianBoru>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Ed

Brad got close on his comment about experimenting with resolution, the problem is that most magazines and the like use screens that don't match up with the resolutions available on the scanner.

If your scanner software doesn't offer a descreening option, another thing you can do is to scan at a much higher resolution than the original. You'll still have the same problem when you shrink the image down to something manageable, but now you can deal with it in your photo editing software.

72/73 de WB8RCR <http://www.qsl.net/wb8rcr>
didileydadidah QRP-L #1446 Code Warriors #35

----- Original Message -----

From: "Ed Tanton" <n4xy@earthlink.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2003 2:37 PM
Subject: ~ OT: Scanning (optical) question

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> 73 Ed Tanton N4XY <n4xy@earthlink.net>
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>

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 20:07:38 +0100
From: Ed Lawson <k1vp@grizzly.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [159657] Shack Cleaning Sale
Message-ID: <20031019200738.1b09ee72.k1vp@grizzly.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
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After much soul serching I have decided to clean the shack of rigs/stuff that I really do not use and they deserve to be used. All are in great condition electrically and cosmetically and all have manuals. So here is a list of items for sale. Prices include parcel post shipping in well padded boxes.

- | | | |
|----|---|-------|
| 1. | OHR 500 with digital display and keyer. | \$350 |
| 2. | OHR Explorer II 20M | \$60 |
| 3. | DSW40 | \$130 |
| 4. | DSW30 | \$130 |
| 5. | DSW20 | \$130 |
| 6. | ICOM 718 with 500Hz filter, no DSP | \$530 |
| 7. | Bencher BY-1 with MFJ keyer on top | \$100 |

Ed Lawson
K1VP

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 16:03:36 -0400
From: Rick McKee <kc8aon@juno.com>
To: fpqrp-l@mpna.com, qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [159658] Norcal Keyer

Message-ID: <20031019.160343.9558.2.kc8aon@juno.com>

Just got my Norcal Keyer in the mail yesterday morning about 10am, and by noon had it operational and mounted in an enclosure. Folks, that's one neat little keyer !

Three non volatile memories, beacon mode, pot or paddle speed control, straight key and bug modes, iambic A & B modes, tune mode etc etc.....

What more can you ask for in a \$15 keyer ? This is a really great kit for the experienced and newbie kit builder, and a great addition to your station !

No financial interest in Norcal, just another satisfied customer !

72/73 de: Rick McKee, KC8AON <> Willow Wood, Ohio <> Grid: EM88rl
SW-20+, SW-30+, SW-40+, Norcal BLT, Norcal Cascade, Yaesu FT-7,
Homebrew 6V6 tube TX & Hallicrafters SW500 RX, PAC-12 Antenna
QRP-L #2112, FPqrp #33, AR QRP, AmQRP, Ohio Valley Fists
I'll give up CW & QRP when I'm dead ! MAYBE ! didididadidah

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Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 21:23:03 +0100
From: Howard Oakley <hoakley@btconnect.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [159659] Re: Sun Fart?
Message-ID: <BBB8B137.1E471%hoakley@btconnect.com>
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On 19/10/03 8:01 pm, sslyon wrote:

> I'll say... but odd how when things are really dead, one little
> area will briefly come to life on the map, like west TX, MI/IN,
> GA/FL
> No EU popping up tho : (

Seab,

Didn't get much time out /P this weekend because of work, but 1530z-1648z
(when last weekend the whole of N America was wide open, even to VE7) there
were very few heard at all. 15 m was almost closed, as was 17, and the only

station I worked on 20 m was HA, failing to break the pile-up on 5N43NDP. But it gave the new SG-2020 an airing (and a good sand-blasting on the beach!) before next weekend's contest...

72,
Howard.

Dr Howard Oakley
Isle of Wight, UK
M1BWR (IO90JO, EU-120)
Active from 80 m to 23 cm

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 14:49:52 -0600 (MDT)
From: Karl Larsen <k5di@zianet.com>
To: ah7i@atl.org
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159660] Re: November, 2003, QST review of Icom IC-703 Plus...
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.44.0310191445370.4683-100000@bucket.dog>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Sun, 19 Oct 2003 ah7i@atl.org wrote:

> On Sat, 18 Oct 2003, Karl Larsen wrote:
>
> > On Sat, 18 Oct 2003 jeff@ke9v.com wrote:
> >
> > > The exceptionally crummy QSK of both the 703 and the 817 tells me that
> > > the big manufacturers (Icom, Yaesu) still haven't got the "QRP thing".
> >
> > Disagree. They simply are expressing properly that CW is not why
> > people buy a radio.
>
> It's why I don't buy one of those radios!
> -bob
> ah7i

A really good CW rig is a lot more expensive than the FT-817. Top of the line Kenwood and Yaesu and Icom have great receivers and CW capability but they cost 2-3 thousand dollars. That is more than I am ready to pay.

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>

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- Karl Larsen k5di Las Cruces,NM Az ScQRPions -

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 14:58:10 -0600 (MDT)
From: Karl Larsen <k5di@zianet.com>
To: Jim Larsen <JimLarsen2002@alaska.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159661] Re: The Great Alaska Ptarmigan Hunt - Nov 17th UTC
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.44.0310191455550.4683-100000@bucket.dog>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Sat, 18 Oct 2003, Jim Larsen wrote:

> Greetings from Alaska,
>
> The Alaska QRP Club is sponsoring the Great Alaska Ptarmigan (GAP) Hunt on
> November 17. We hope to have as many as a 10-12 or maybe even more Great
> Alaska Ptarmigan (GAP) for you hunters to attempt to bag. There will be
> prizes and certificates and a heap of fun.
>

I missed the message definition of GAP and thought the GAP
antenna company was supplying all Alaskins with their antenna.

> bands are really bad, we may even do it again in December.
>
> 73, Jim
>

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- Karl Larsen k5di Las Cruces,NM Az ScQRPions -

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 16:54:00 -0400

From: "Adam Vazquez" <adam.vazquez.kb2jpd@earthlink.net>
To: "qrp-1" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [159662] Re: OT cell phone conversions search
Message-ID: <E1ABKZc-0005T0-00@firecrest.mail.pas.earthlink.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="ISO-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

>Try this search phrase on www.google.com instead:
>
>cellular phone conversion modification ham radio
>
>Alwhile you might not find the exact same cellphone product, comparisons with the
technical documentation will help out in your quest for knowledge.
>
>Make sure your TorX bit collection is up-to-date. Those old cellphones have those
screws even on those shielded portions of their circuit board. If you are more so
technically inclined, find out what microcontroller is running the show.
>
>Motorola like using their 68HCxx part from the last time I worked on their stuff.
It was in their trunked radios as well.
>Good hunting.
>
>Adam Vazquez
>
>=====

>"The safety of the people is the highest law."

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 17:05:19 -0400
From: Ed Tanton <n4xy@earthlink.net>
To: qrp-L Reflector <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>, noga <nogaqrp@mailman.qth.net>,
Boatanchors-Tempe <BOATANCHORS@LISTSERV.TEMPE.GOV>
Subject: [159663] Re: Scanning (optical) question
Message-ID: <6.0.0.22.2.20031019164704.03dfd4d0@pop.earthlink.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Many thanks ALL!!! De-screening WAS the answer. It took forever to find,
but now all is well. I really appreciate this... I've been busy, trying to
scan in Advertising Brochures for my website: Boonton UHF GDO; Drake 2-B &
R-4; Gonset GSB-100; partial 1963 Millen catalog; Millen GDOs; SBE-34
transceiver; the Entire Manual for the (1951) ELDICO GDO and a copy of the

issue of QST it originated from. Plus: 2 GE Ham Tips with a major GDO construction project.

Many of the above are already scanned, but will need to be redone NOW that the pictures will look OK!

Does anyone have an SBE 33 brochure? Any other GDO brochures besides Millen 90662-A ("Laboratory and Industrial Grid Dip Meter")? A-specifically- Drake R4-B brochure? A National HR050 or 60, HR0-500, or NCL-2000 brochure? A Hammarlund SP-600, HQ-180, or HQ-215 brochure? Sorta got my interest in advertising brochures up!

73 Ed Tanton N4XY <n4xy@earthlink.net>

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"He that gives up a little liberty to gain
temporary security will lose both and
deserve neither".
--Benjamin Franklin

"Suppose you were an idiot ...
and suppose you were a member of
Congress... but I repeat myself."
--Mark Twain

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 17:15:44 -0400
From: "sslyon" <sslyon@megalink.net>
To: "qrp list" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [159664] ARCI TEST cond
Message-ID: <000701c39686\$290ce1c0\$34c7e742@megalink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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charset="iso-8859-1"
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ok... 10m & 15m are back up -a bit and N4BP is booming. Also
hear CA but must be one way. Get on the high bands and lets make
some noise! I'll try 10m til 5:30 Eastern then 15m
CU there
72
seab
aa1my

Seabury & Sharon Lyon
99 Sparrowhawk Mtn Rd
Bethel ME, 04217 U.S.A.
207-836-2576

Virus Protection by Norton and ZoneAlarm

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 15:20:55 -0600
From: "Ron Pyle" <raple@gwtc.net>
To: <k1vp@grizzly.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159665] Looking for thought on spending \$
Message-ID: <045f01c39686\$e2184010\$65aafb40@yourjbuypagwhk>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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Hi everyone. I'm a new ham. I'm looking to spend some money. Interested in
thoughts on the best choice right now.

I have an Elecraft K2 soon to be received. I decided I should have it built.
Since it will be my first transceiver, and my main one to depend on. I
thought it best, so I won't be trying to figure out how to operate while
trying to figure out if I got the radio working right. A real nice guy in
Colorado; Jerry McCollom is doing a real nice job on it. I hope he's having
fun too.

While waiting..... I can buy....

The 100W amp and 150w tuner. Start building them myself. I do have SSB on the K2. So might need the power? I can't say I really will need it. I'm interested mainly in CW. I had planned to build this someday when I have time and feel like it. Right now I'm kinda busy.

How about the 2m transverter from Elecraft? Is it really that good of a 2m performer? I don't have much use for 2m. But know there is a local transmission once a week that would be nice to listen to. Right now I've failed to get the transmission with my RadioShack scanner. Again, I'm a little busy right now.

Maybe a neat little Yeasu FT-1500? Again....I don't have much use for 2m. Not much at all locally, except that one transmission. Not traveling much lately, so don't see too much near future use for one, out of town.

Maybe a KX1? Neat looking little transceiver. I'll be operating portable, often. Doesn't take long to build? Maybe my best choice for now? With winter and darkness, how much use will I get out of 40, 30, and 20m?

BTW....I have obtained the needed equipment for building. Just been busy studying for the test. Learning about ham. And also a little busy with another needed project around the home.

Maybe I should just save my money. Keep working on my CW with my free time. And get on the air when my K2 is finished. ??????????

Ron
KC0QXU
FP-682

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 16:24:51 -0700
From: "Nick Kennedy" <nkennedy@tcainternet.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [159666] QSK (was QST review IC-703 Plus...)
Message-ID: <00de01c39698\$324e1800\$0400000a@wa5bdu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

----- Original Message -----
From: "Bruce Muscolino" <w6toy@erols.com>

> Let's see if I can kill all the stone throwers with one shot!

You did pretty well, but don't take offense if there's still a little room for friendly disagreement.

> This leads to endless repeats of your call, missed QSO's,
> and lower contest scores.

This WHAT leads to that stuff? The guy who can't hear what's going on, or the guy who can?? I've often been saved from a major screw-up that would involve "doubling" as they say on FM, by being able to detect that the other guy has started transmitting while I was doing the same.

Earlier, you said, " Like automatic antenna tuners, it seems simpler, and safer, to just flip a switch! "

I'm not sure what 'safer' means (my safety, or the safety of my rig?), but I'm pretty sure about simpler. It will take a lot to convince me that having to flip a switch is simpler than having to do nothing at all. Of course, semi-break-in also requires no operator action, so that part is really a toss-up.

I'm not posting just to nit-pik, though. We can all agree that it's a matter of personal preference. But I think QSK is kind of an acquired taste that takes a little learning and a proper setup to be effective and enjoyable. It can be murder in a crowded band or with a wide bandwidth receiver, or both. The problem is that the "negative Morse" coming out of the speaker as background noise and QRM can overwhelm the operator's concentration on the sidetone feedback he must have to send properly.

The solution is partly to keep the audio gain down and the sidetone gain up (if independently adjustable) so your own sending captures your ear. It's that plus learning to listen to a sound that's highly distracting initially. But once you've crossed over, it's sure hard to go back to non-QSK. In that case, it's now the sensation of being deaf while you're sending that's highly distracting.

72--Nick, WA5BDU

>
> My remarks about large manufacturers were answering a point about the
> Japanese companies. No slur of Ten Tec was made or implied. Their Omni
> series has always had legendary QSK.
>

> When I said proven circuit designs I meant just that. Any company who
> hires junior engineers puts them through years of testing until they
> know the ropes and test equipment. It has nothing to do with their
> reluctance to pay big bucks. Consider how many times your internet
> software has been rewritten!
>
> QSK or non QSK is entirely a personal matter. I don't need any new
> meds. I don't care for it. I'll use it when appropriate. If you love
> it, use it!
>
> 73
>

Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2003 18:19:20 -0400
From: John Sielke <jsielke@pobox.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [159667] Re: November, 2003, QST review of Icom IC-703 Plus...
Message-ID: <3F930DE8.8070909@pobox.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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> capability but they cost 2-3 thousand dollars. That is more than I am
> ready to pay.

Thank goodness for Elecraft!

(Undisguised, wanton PLUG!)

John W2AGN

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